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Subject: Waterford 3 SES
Docket No. 50-382
License No. NPF-38
Technical Specification Change Request NPF-38-226
Supplemental Information Regarding Containment Building
Penetrations (TAC No. MA7999)

Gentlemen:

By letters dated January 12, 2000 and June 15, 2000 Entergy Operations, Inc. (Entergy) proposed changes to the Waterford 3 (W3) Technical Specifications that would allow the containment equipment door, airlocks, and other penetrations to remain open, but capable of being closed, during core alterations and irradiated fuel movement in containment. The NRC Staff asked a follow-up question concerning equipment hatch closure relative to Section 6.9.2 of NUREG-1449, "Shutdown and Low-Power Operation At Nuclear Power Plants In The United States". The NRC Staff questioned how the nearness of required tools and training and rehearsing personnel in the closure procedure were addressed at W3. Entergy is providing the following information in response to this question.

Nearness of Required Tools

The tools and equipment required to support the closure of the equipment hatch and the location of these tools and equipment relative to the equipment hatch will be controlled by administrative procedures. These administrative controls will be incorporated into appropriate procedures prior to the beginning of RF10.

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Training and Rehearsing of Personnel

Administrative controls requiring the training of W3 personnel on the equipment hatch closure procedure will be maintained in W3 administrative procedures. These administrative controls will be incorporated into appropriate administrative procedures prior to the beginning of RF10. Additionally, a standard outage activity is placed in the outage schedule to ensure training of all personnel responsible for equipment hatch closure is accomplished.

Based on the response in this letter, two new commitments have been added to the commitments previously made in the letters dated January 12, 2000 and June 15, 2000. Attachment 1 provides an updated version of the commitment list. Should you have any questions or comments concerning this request, please contact D. Bryan Miller at (504) 739-6692.

Pursuant to 28 U.S.C.A. Section 1746, I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct. Executed on 7TH day of September 2000.

Very truly yours,



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COMMITMENT IDENTIFICATION/VOLUNTARY ENHANCEMENT FORM

Attachment 1 to W3F1-2000-0120
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COMMITMENT(S)	ONE-TIME ACTION*	CONTINUING COMPLIANCE*	SCHEDULED COMPLETION DATE (IF REQUIRED)	ASSOCIATED LETTER #
Entergy commits to take action to have the containment equipment hatch closed within 30 minutes of the determination of the need to evacuate containment.		X	Upon Implementation of Approved Amendment	W3F1-99-0122
Implement administrative procedures that ensure in the event of a Fuel Handling Accident that the containment equipment hatch and at least one door in each personnel airlock will be closed following containment evacuation, and that the open penetrations can and will be promptly closed.		X	Upon Implementation of Approved Amendment	W3F1-99-0122
Monitor the industry effort to develop a guidance document addressing control room habitability and evaluate actions for implementation once the NRC Staff has indicated their concurrence with the industry approach.	X		Upon Issuance and NRC Acceptance of the Industry Guidance Document (expected early 2001)	W3F1-00-0086
The tools and equipment required to support the closure of the equipment hatch and the location of these tools and equipment relative to the equipment hatch will be controlled by administrative procedures.		X	Prior to RF 10	W3F1-00-0120
Administrative controls requiring the training of W3 personnel on the equipment hatch closure procedure will be maintained in W3 administrative procedures.		X	Prior to RF 10	W3F1-00-0120